GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:571
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2007
ISSUE OF EXPLOSIVES LICENCE
Dhanaraju Dr. K.

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued licences for the manufacture, transport, handling and storage of explosives used in blasting the rocks in quarries for building purposes;

(b) If so, the number of licences issued by the Government during each of the last three years, till date, State-wise including Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether the Government has issued any directions to the State Governments to monitor the system; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent of compliance thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 571 FOR ANSWER ON 15.5.2007

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. A statement mentioning the number of explosive-licences issued for use for blasting rocks in quarries during the last three years is at Annexure. The total number of licenses as on 30th April 2007 is also indicated in the Annexure.

(c)&(d): The State Governments have been advised from time to time to ensure strict adherence to the provisions of the Explosives Act, 1884 and the Explosives Rules, 1983. The States have been asked to, inter-alia, undertake thorough verification of antecedents of applicants seeking explosives-licences; scrupulously examine the titles of lands where explosives are to be stored/used; take into account the security concerns while issuing manufacturing licenses; keep a vigil on manufacture, sale, transport and use of explosives and not to issue licenses to blasting-contractors not holding mining licenses. Regular inspections and scrutiny of records of licensees undertaken by the officers of the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation and District Administration have ensured good compliance of the rules, regulations and advice given thereunder.

Annexure

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)&(b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.571 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15-05-2007

State wise number of explosives licenses issued for use in blasting rocks in quarries

Sl. No	State	Issued in 2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Total number of licenses as on 30/4/2007
1	Arunachal Pradesh	5	5	6	33
2	Andhra Pradesh	57	55	38	741
3	Andaman Nicobar	0	0	0	7
4	Assam	3	8	8	66
5	Bihar	0	1	1	25
6	Chattisgarh	9	4	18	189
7	Chandigarh	0	0	0	9
8	Daman & Diu	0	0	1	5
9	Delhi	0	0	0	1
10	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	3
11	Goa	4	3	1	67
12	Gujarat	31	17	20	453
13	Haryana	3	0	6	48
14	Himachal Pradesh	14	24	29	182
15	Jharkhand	18	18	12	461
16	Jammu Kashmir	10	8	10	61
17	Karnataka	12	11	14	195
18	Kerala	125	102	75	714

19	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	5
20	Meghalaya	4	10	1	53
21	Maharashtra	75	56	36	1041
22	Manipur	0	0	0	1
23	Madhya Pradesh	17	7	21	323
24	Mizoram	4	1	5	16
25	Nagaland	0	0	0	1
26	Orrisa	6	5	7	174
27	Rajasthan	18	17	18	354
28	Sikkim	0	1	5	6
29	Tamil Nadu	27	20	23	312
30	Tripura	3	3	1	11
31	Uttaranchal	4	2	20	83
32	Uttar Pradesh	4	3	3	161
33	West Bengal	5	9	5	277
	TOTAL	458	390	384	6078